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GROUP 1772  
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2004, re-set by the Office Action of March 1, 2004, to be due Saturday, May 1, 2004, thereby allowing for timely response by Monday, May 3, 2004, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.